

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 5147

TITLE: URBAN FORESTER I

GRADE: S-18

DEFINITION:

Under supervision performs entry-level urban forestry work inspecting construction sites for compliance with County requirements and providing technical assistance relating to tree preservation and planting, landscaping, screening, tree cover and assessment.

TYPICAL TASKS (Tasks listed are for illustrative purposes only)

Inspects construction sites for compliance with vegetation preservation and planting requirements;

Interprets and communicates County ordinances dealing with landscaping and screening, erosion and sediment control, site plans and subdivision plans;

Communicates land development regulations relating to tree preservation and planting to private concerns and other governmental agencies;

Assesses impact of construction on urban forest using knowledge of accepted horticultural, arborial, and engineering concepts;

Assesses location and condition of trees and other vegetation using knowledge of horticulture, arboriculture, and landscape architecture;

Trains in review of site and subdivision plans (i.e., computation of parking lot landscaping and screening and computation of tree cover requirements);

Provides public with information in person and through presentations to groups;

Maintains records and writes reports as necessary; represents Department of Environmental Management at construction sites.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of interdisciplinary roles of forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, engineering and urban planning for urban forest management;

Urban forestry practices;

Construction practices relating to urban forestry;

Codes and ordinances governing vegetation preservation, planting, landscaping and screening;

Effective communication (oral and written) techniques.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to:

A two-year degree from an accredited four-year college or university in forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture, agriculture or related field; AND

One year experience.

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